



## **Recognizing Responsibility and Risk Of Abusers In Court**

**Dover Delaware, September 20-21, 2017**

### **September 20**

- 8:15 – 8:45    Check-in
- 8:45-10:15    Recognizing Risk Factors, Profiling Killers – David Adams, Emerge, Cambridge MA  
(Profiles five different types of killers in terms of their motivations and histories, overviews risk factors for intimate partner homicides and gives guidelines to legal system for conducting risk assessments and managing risk for high risk offenders)
- 10:15-10:30    BREAK
- 10:30-12:00    Holding Offenders Accountable in Court: Judge Roberto Canas, Jr., Presiding Justice, Texas County Court No. 10, Dallas and Nigel Reynolds, Probation Department Texas County Court No.10. (From a judicial and a probation perspective, presents model practices for reviewing offender compliance and promoting accountability. Includes a documentary clip that follows one offender's progress.
- 12:00-1:00    LUNCH (provided)
- 1:00-2:15      Assessing Risk in Court: Judge Roberto Canas, Jr., Presiding Justice, Texas County Court No. 10 (Describes model court responses and protocols for assessing risk in domestic violence cases. Includes an interactive exercise, using one case example)
- 2:15-2:30      BREAK
- 2:30-3:45      Recognizing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children, Gabrielle Davis, JD, Child Custody Project, Battered Women's Justice Project (Overviews research and practice findings about how children are impacted by exposure to intimate partner violence. Includes recommendations for how these cases are assessed. This session is relevant to both family and criminal courts)
- 4:00            Adjourn

**\*This two-day conference has been approved for a total of 11.3 CLE Credits. You will be required to sign-in each day.**

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## September 21

- 8:15-8:45 Check-In
- 8:45-10:15 Profiling Abusers and Those who Kill: Similarities and Differences, David Adams, Emerge (Presents common myths about abusers in general, profiles five different types of killers in terms of their motivations and histories, overviews risk factors for intimate partner homicides and gives guidelines for conducting risk assessments and managing risk for high risk offenders)
- 10:15-10:30 BREAK
- 10:30-12:00 Break Out Sessions (select one)
- 1) Best Practices in Batterer Intervention, David Adams and Ted German, Emerge (Presents essential elements for batterer intervention programs in terms of promoting motivation to change, and accountability. Includes discussion about collaboration with courts and victim advocacy programs)
  - 2) Recognizing and Investigating Strangulation, Kelsey McKay, Independent Consultant and former prosecutor, Travis County TX (Describes legal definition of strangulation, as well as model practices for police and prosecutor investigation of these cases, describes signs and symptoms, as well as impact of strangulation on victims)
  - 3) Recognizing the impact of domestic violence on children, Gabrielle Davis, JD, Child Custody Project, Battered Women's Justice Project (Overviews research and practice findings about how children are impacted by exposure to intimate partner violence. Includes recommendations for how these cases are assessed. This session is relevant to both family and criminal courts)
- 12:00-1:00 LUNCH (provided)
- 1:00-2:30 Break Out Sessions (select one)
- 1) When Victims Use Violence and Victim Safety Issues, Kelsey McKay, Independent Consultant and former prosecutor (Describes protocol for assessing cases where victims are charged with violence, and making the right sentencing recommendations to the court)
  - 2) Witness Intimidation and Forfeiture by Wrongdoing, John Wilkinson, Former Prosecuting Attorney, Current Consulting Attorney, Aequitas, Washington DC (Model practices for prosecuting witness intimidation and forfeiture by wrongdoing cases involving intimate partner violence)
  - 3) Stalking and the Use of Technology by Perpetrators of Domestic Violence, Elaina Roberts, Stalking Resource Center (Describes various uses of technology by offenders to monitor and stalk victims, and makes recommendations for countermeasures)
- 2:30-2:45 BREAK
- 2:45--4:00 Collaborative Partnerships in Promoting Accountability and Assessing Risk, Rebecca Thomforde, Center for Court Innovation, and David Adams, Emerge (Includes small group exercise in which conference participants identify interdisciplinary action steps)
- 4:00 Adjourn

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